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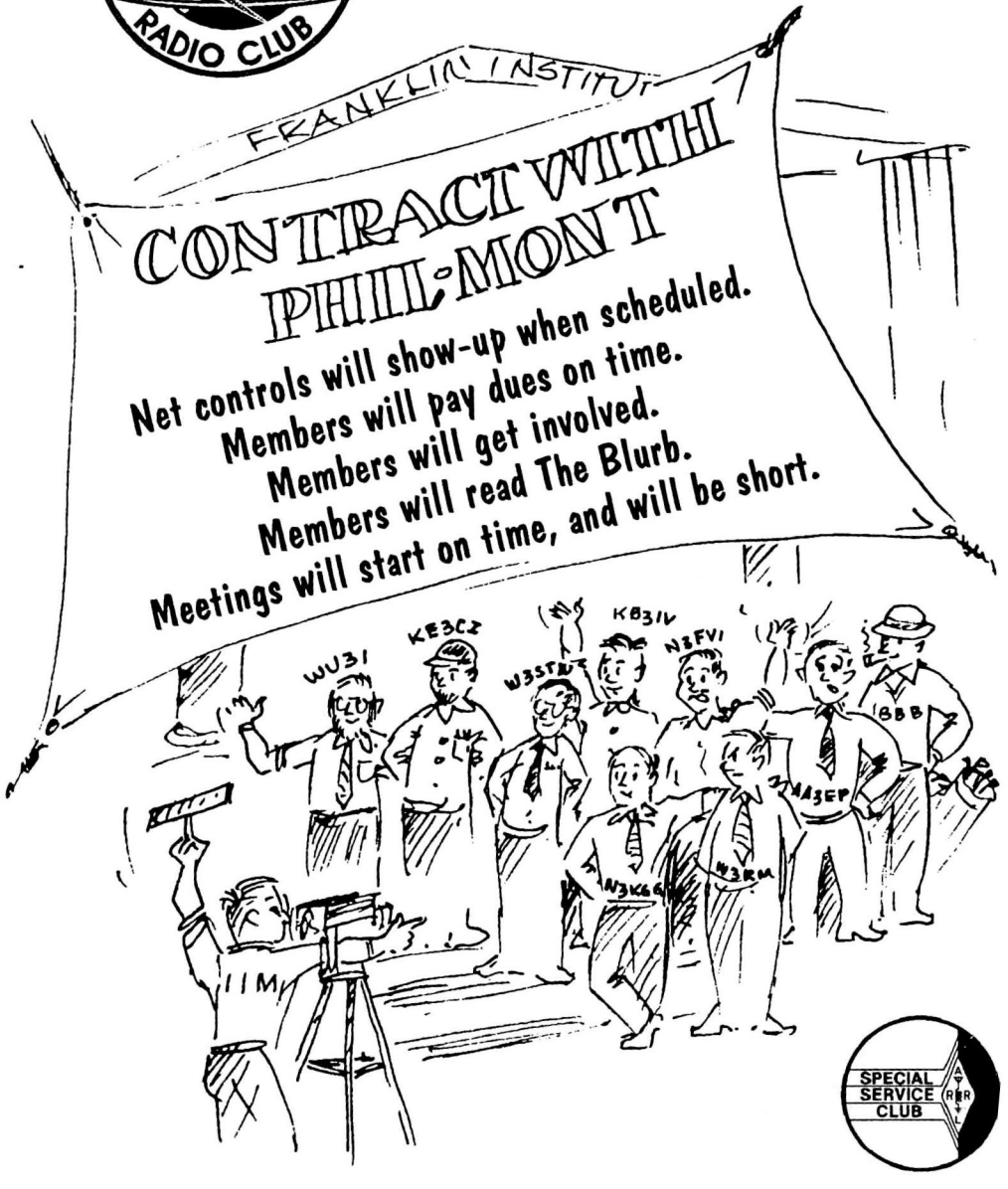

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Repeater frequencies: 147.03 MHz (Roxboro input requires no PL, but outputs 91.5 Hz.)
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Bucks County 131.8 Hz—Center City 103.5 Hz—Lansdale 114.8 Hz
444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)
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W3QV - 147.03 MHz. Repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB
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NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
LAST WED	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET

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27 Ann Lerro (XYL N3MUC)
28 Roger Cox - K3TYB
**Indicates New Member 1994*

Membership Stats will resume in the April issue.

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?
Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club.
Contact Dave Witkowski - N3KGG for details.

DUES & DIRECTORY UPDATE

DUES ARE OVER DUE... FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID,
THIS IS YOUR NEXT-TO-LAST BLURB!

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy 🔔!

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Lima" or "Jack—Juliet Alpha Charlie Kilo." If at all possible, make up unintelligible phonetics. "My name is Bob—Billibong Oregano Bumperpool."

6. Always give the calls of yourself and everyone who is (or has been) in the group, whether they are still there or not. While this has been unnecessary for years, it is still a wonderful memory test.

7. Whenever possible, use the wrong terminology. It keeps people guessing. Use "modulation" when you mean "deviation" and vice versa. And even if the two-meter FM amplifier you're using is a Class C type amp, and thus not biased for linear amplification, be sure to call it your "linear." Heck, refer to all FM-style amplifiers as "linears." You'll be king of the "wrong terminology" hill.

8. Put your call out every 30 seconds or so. Make sure everyone on the repeater knows you're listening.

9. If someone asks for a break, always finish your turn, talking as long as possible before turning it over. Whenever possible, pass it around a few times first. This will discourage the breaker and, if it is an emergency, will encourage him to switch to another repeater and not bother you.

10. Always ask involved questions of the person who is trying to sign out. Never let him get by with a yes or no answer. Make it a question that will take a long time to answer.

11. The less you know about a subject the more you should speculate about it on the air. The amount of time spent on your speculations should be inversely proportional to your knowledge of the subject.

Editor's note: This "Rusty Bumpers" column is from the May 1993 issue of "Solid Copy," *the Richmond (VA) Amateur Telecommunications Society's monthly newsletter. Most of the examples used by "Rusty" have happened on the local repeaters exactly as written, although some of the items were exaggerated slightly for humor. Rusty Bumpers (N4LID)*
via Warminster ARC's Feedback

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Done 1/31/95

CALL:	**KB3BEK** ✓
NAME:	**Maxine Weinstein**
HANDLE:	*Maxine*
CLASS:	Technician Plus
ADDRESS:	1155 Kenyon Drive Fort Washington, PA 19034
HOME PHONE:	(215) 641-0138
BUSINESS PHONE:	
OCCUPATION:	Homemaker
INTERESTS:	

CALL:	**4X4LT** ✓
NAME:	**Yoel Kelles**
HANDLE:	*Yoel*
CLASS:	General
ADDRESS:	1622 Surrey Lane Havertown, PA 10083
HOME PHONE:	(610) 449-6864
BUSINESS PHONE:	
OCCUPATION:	Engineer
INTERESTS:	

The PREZ SEZ

Steve Hoch, WU3I

This time last year we were all praying that our electric lines did not ice and fall, like many did (not to mention antennas). Of course, those of us with remote start-generators don't worry about such things.

This year we are trying to find hidden sources of sunscreen in the bowels of the stores. With the temperatures in the high 60s, all the antenna and yard work we thought would wait until spring is getting done.

But we still may get the nasty weather, so remember that the short time-out, on the *weather macro*, is there to keep rag-chewing to a minimum when driving conditions are bad.

Prepare your automobile (remember we are a *mobile radio club)* with the necessary service, and add a shovel, some salt or sand and a blanket, just in case.

Join us at The Franklin Institute, February 1, for our next General Meeting. The Board of Directors will meet at CHI Institute in Southampton. If anyone wishes to host a Board Meeting, contact an officer to do so.

Many thanks to Sam, N3QIE for last month's great cover. Remember the officers can only do so much; we need *all of you*, the *members*, to make Phil-Mont the radio club it is.

UPCOMING

Feb 1 **General Meeting program: Video: Pitcairn Island A Gem in the Pacific**

Feb 2 License Examinations at The Franklin Institute

Feb 15 Directors' Meeting at C H I Institute Southampton

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Mar 1 **General Meeting**

Mar 2 License Examinations at The Franklin Institute

Mar 15 Directors' Meeting at N3FTC & WU3I's

HAMFESTS

Mar 4	ABSECON, NJ Shore Points ARC
Mar 12	YORK, PA Springfest
Mar 25-26	TIMONIUM, MD Baltimore ARC
Apr 2	TRENTON, NJ DVRA
Apr 23	WILMINGTON, DE Penn-Del ARC
May 7	WRIGHTSTOWN, PA Warminster, ARC
July 9	TIMONIUM, MD BRATS
Aug 6	WARRINGTON, PA MARC

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. **The ARRL VEC's 1995 test fee is $5.90;** *there is no charge for a Novice test.*

- **The FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**
  Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
  (215) 879-0505 *day*, (215) 482-0386 *home*
- **BELLMAWR, NJ**
  Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Bill Helmatag
  (609) 546-7710
- **BRYN MAWR**
  Irregularly—Bob Lees
  (215) 265-6032
- **LEVITTOWN**
  Monthly, 1st Saturday—George LeNoir, WR3B
  (215) 943-4886
- **LINWOOD, PA**–(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)
  1/28 • 4/29 • 8/26—Russ Stafford, AA3CH
  (610) 497-2211, (302) 792-7760 *home*
- **MORRISVILLE**
  Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Dave Munson, NM3K
  (215) 788-7515
- **POTTSTOWN**
  Monthly, 1st Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
  (215) 679-5764
- **TELFORD**
  Monthly, 3rd Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
  (215) 679-5764
- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**
  Monthly, Last Saturday—Jeff DePolo
  (215) 898-8538 *shack*, (215) 337-7383 *home*
- **WARMINSTER**
  Monthly, Last Wed.—Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
  (215) 343-3494

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Charlie Weigand, AA3EP (215) 324-0167

Apr 23	M.S. Walk
May 20	Spring Cycle
Sep 30	City-to-Shore (2-day round trip)
Dec 3	Brian's Run (West Chester area)

AMATEUR RADIO NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer fifty-six (56) scholarships for the academic year 1995 - 1996 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds five of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining fifty-one (51) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from $500 to $2000 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. Clubs, especially those in **Delaware, Florida, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin**, are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, on their nets, during training classes, and in their club newsletters.

Additional information and an application form may be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to April 30, 1995 from:

FAR Scholarships
6903 Rhode Island Avenue
College Park, MD 20740

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an exempt organization under Section 501(C)((3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

DAYTON HAMVENTION CHANGE

Beginning in 1996, the hamfest will be held three weeks later in the year. Instead of the traditional 'last weekend in April', it will become 'the third weekend in May'. There will be no change this year.

1995 April 28-30
1996 May 17-19
1997 May 16-18
1998 May 15-17

So Santa brought you a Pentium?

Here's a quick check to tell whether you got a bad one: In your spreadsheet program, enter the following formula:

(4,195,835/3,145,727)*3,145,727

The correct answer is 4,195,835; the flawed chip returns 4,195,579.
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USE IT OR LOSE IT

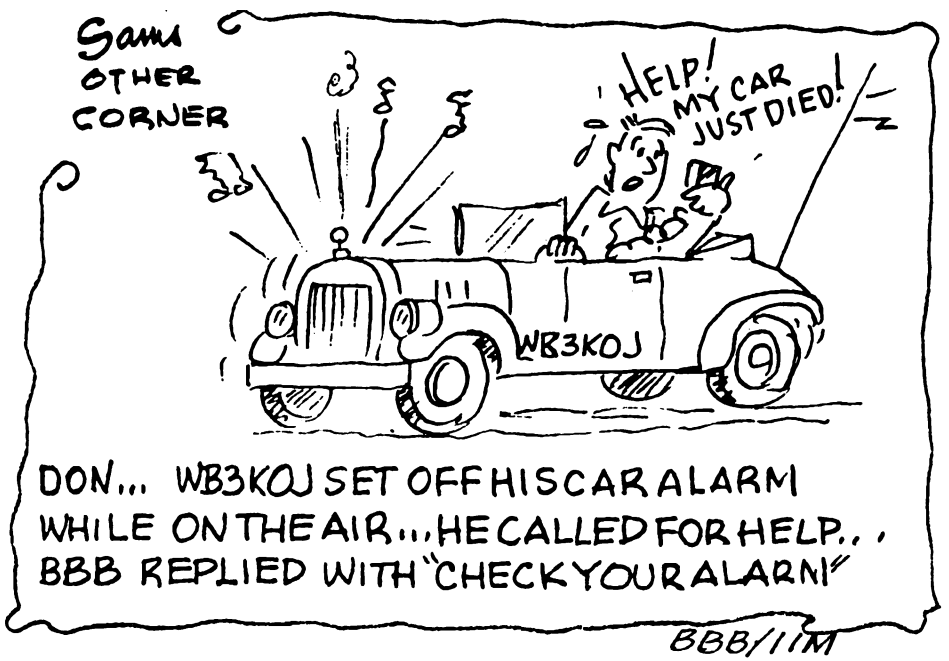
Ten manufacturers and systems integrators of electronic-toll and traffic-management systems have jointly recommended that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reserve portions of the 902-to-928-MHz frequency band for use by automatic vehicle-identification (AVI) systems.

The action, under consideration in FCC Docket 93-61, is aimed at eliminating interference in AVI systems used to collect tolls and traffic data electronically. Several hundred thousand motorists are already using AVI equipment in the 902-to-928-MHz band.

The recommendations came in the form of a letter to FCC Chairman Reed Hundt. It was signed by representatives of Amtech Corp., Delco Electronics Corp., Intellitag Products, Mark IV Industries, Motorola, AT/Comm, Hughes Transportation Management Systems, Lockheed IMS, MFS Net-work Technologies, and Texas Instruments.

Several states have issued requests for proposals (RFPs) seeking AVI systems operating at 2.45 GHz rather than 902 to 928 MHz, but none of these states have yet implemented a system at the higher frequency. Among the group's arguments is that a jump to the 2.45-GHz band would require substantial industry investment in research and development (R&D) and production with no operational or functional benefit.

Microwaves & RF via N3DHI



MINUTES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Al Tribble, W3STW, Secretary

Sounds of chewing sweet morsels, and sipping of liquid refreshments, were interrupted at 7:45 p.m., January 4th, by the Tyrant, better known as KB3IV–Ed, pounding the gavel signaling the start of the 540th PMRC meeting.

Before Ed turned the podium and gavel over to the new PMRC president, WU3I–Steve, he spoke about how he and WU3I first met at a test session. They passed their exams and received their calls: KA3AMO–Steve) and KA3AMP–Ed). KB3IV's advice to WU3I was to "watch your back," and to help, presented WU3I with a rear view mirror. On behalf of the PMRC membership, WU3I thanked Ed for his efforts, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation. Thanks to Tom Maresca for his help in preparing the unusual certificate.

WU3I started his reign by calling for a Treasurer's report. A report of zero income, zero expenses and a balance of $2,300 dollars was given by the assistant treasurer KB3IV, a more concise report to follow in February '95. KB3IV also reminded us that club dues are now 20 dollars per year, and that it is time to renew our membership in the PMRC. Send a check or money order to N3KGG–Dave Witkowski, 730 Greymont Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19116. All club members are also reminded to check the club directory for accuracy of names, call signs, addresses etc.

WU3I, refusing to allow KB3IV to leave the stage, called for a PMRC Net Control report. KB3IV, net control chairman, and a true ham, flawlessly orated thanks to those who have participated. Net control operators for 75 and 10 meters are sufficiently staffed, but 2-meter net control operators are needed. This having been said, the new Secretary was thinking "now it is my turn"... not so. The Tyrant, gripping the podium more firmly, took an eternity to ask members to see him if they wanted a copy of the new edition of the PMRC By-laws... then left the stage.

When WU3I called for a Special Events report, the new Secretary–W3STW loudly interjected "it is time to read the minutes of the last meeting." WU3I, mastering the situation, said "down big fella," and calmly called on AA3EP–Charlie, Special Events chairman, for his report. AA3EP took an eternity plus 1 to report a need for 10 to 15 operators to participate in an MS walk to be held Sunday, April 23.

Finally, WU3I called for the reading of the December '94 General Meeting minutes. W3STW–Al read the minutes written by past secretary KE3CZ–Bob.

ND3Q–Dusty gave a round of thanks to those participating in the VE program. Examinations are given the 1st non-holiday Thursday of each month. Call (215) 448-1139 for examination information.

WU3I reported that the Rupp and ATV equipment are still out for repair. Main console panel 5 will be recut to allow the

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MINUTES JANUARY DIRECTORS' MEETING

Al Tribble, W3STW, Secretary

the board most graciously thanks n3glu, sharon and kb3iv, ed, for hosting this months meeting and refreshments.

attending were: wu3i, steve; kb3iv, ed; w3gqd, bill; n3owm, ted; n3dhi, rick; w3bbb, jim; k3kud, bob; k3gnm, al; w3rm, dick; w3vvs, ed; ke3cz, bob; k4lif, tom; n3kgg, dave; aa3ep, charlie and w3stw, al.

wu3i, pmrc president, called the meeting to order 8:13 pm . the agenda called for various committee, old and new business reports.

treasurer: n3kgg reports an income of $2207 an expense of $390.64 leaving a balance of $1816.36.

wu3i thanked k3kud for a job well done in chairing the 1995 budget and audit committee.

membership: n3owm reports the following applications for membership; n3shi, walt; n3tmc, stan; n3str, lawrence and n3tro, michael. kb3iv, the tyrant (how such a nice fellow got this title is unknown... it is so fitting) moved for approval it was second by w3rm. all attending voted yes. n3owm has a membership application for w3/4x4lt, yoel, to acted upon later.

net control: kb3iv reports that net control operators for the 2, 10 and 75 meter nets are fine but, help is needed for the code practice net. the w3tkq operators net needs greater participation.

programs: ke3cz reported that (with n3fvi's help) future programs were being formed. they include wt3p, kay and topics focused toward our youth. the suggestion to use windows was wiped, no pun intended, out. kb3iv mentioned that nm3s, dan, from the markle newtown sq. group would like the pmrc to put on a amateur satellite program.

repeater: w3bbb reports fo the availability of an off site repeater that will enhance the present system. capital improvement funds will be used for this project. n3dhi, rick, went on to discuss how the new repeater, if purchased, would be linked frequency wise to the system. the current frequency cannot be used therefore, new antennas and associated hardware will have to be purchased and installed. costs are approximately $1600, no pmrc funds are being requested. the new system will employ voting.

special events: aa3ep mentioned several future events to take place at valley forge and montgomery county, center city and limerick. in new jersey future events will take place in voorhees, moorestown and linwood. aa3ep said he will be most interested in the center city event to take place april 23rd.

volunteer examiner: wu3i reporting for nd3q, dusty, passed out a copies of a report containing the following; from 1984 until present the pmrc has provided examinations for 1670 people with an over all passing rate of 59%. for 1994, 226 people took examinations with a 53.5% passing rate. note: the january passing rate was 70%. based on past percentages perhaps this is the year to upgrade.

tvi: w3vvs having no requests from the fcc to investigate, says keep your coax connections tight. there was some discussion, but no action to be taken, about telephone rfi.

w3tkq: wu3i reports changes to the packet console are in place. the omni IV still needs to be adjusted and a schedule with n3fvi will have to be worked out. w3stw is looking into the matter. wu3i reports the receipt of a 386 25 mhz mother board with math co processor from aa3bb, bill. the mother board

| Here is some important information. Beware of a file called Goodtimes.
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| Happy Chanukah everyone, and be careful out there. There is a virus on
| America Online being sent by E-Mail. If you get anything called "Good
| Times", DON'T read it or download it. It is a virus that will erase your
| hard drive. Forward this to all your friends. It may help them a lot.

THIS IS A HOAX. Upon investigation, CIAC has determined that this message originated from both a user of America Online and a student at a university at approximately the same time, and it was meant to be a hoax.

CIAC has also seen other variations of this hoax, the main one is that any electronic mail message with the subject line of "**xxx-1**" will infect your computer.

This rumor has been spreading very widely. This spread is due mainly to the fact that many people have seen a message with "Good Times" in the header. They delete the message without reading it, thus believing that they have saved themselves from being attacked. These first-hand reports give a false sense of credibility to the alert message.

There has been one confirmation of a person who received a message with "xxx-1" in the header, but an empty message body. Then, (in a panic, because he had heard the alert), he checked his PC for viruses (the first time he checked his machine in months) and found a pre-existing virus on his machine. He incorrectly came to the conclusion that the E-mail message gave him the virus (this particular virus could NOT POSSIBLY have spread via an E-mail message). This person then spread his alert.

As of this date, there are no known viruses which can infect merely through reading a mail message. For a virus to spread some program must be executed. Reading a mail message does not execute the mail message. Yes, Trojans have been found as executable attachments to mail messages, the most notorious being the IBM VM Christmas Card Trojan of 1987, also the TERM MODULE Worm (reference CIAC Bulletin B-7) and the GAME2 MODULE Worm (CIAC Bulletin B-12). But this is not the case for this particular "virus" alert.

If you encounter this message being distributed on any mailing lists, simply ignore it or send a follow-up message stating that this is a false rumor.

Karyn Pichnarczyk
CIAC Team
ciac@llnl.gov

Thank you for using America Online. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to write us again.

Dave Costello
Technical Support Representative
E-Mail Address : CostelloEM

Virus hoax spread by well-meaning amateurs!

Jack Haring, W3IIM

Circulating on the Internet is a warning about a **"GOOD TIMES"** virus. In December, I saw this warning from two separate sources: Group-W (KYW), and believe it or not, IBM! The virus pretends to be able to destroy processors and hard-disks simply through the act of *reading* an E-mail message with the subject of "GOOD TIMES." Everyone should be aware that no known virus has this capability. Reading a message, or displaying a file *does not execute that file*; it only displays its bits and bytes on the screen. A virus needs to be given *control* of a computer before it can do anything, otherwise it's just ones and zeros!

Viruses are scary, and play on the ignorance of the average PC user, but with a little knowledge, we should realize that viruses are nothing more than computer programs that must be *executed* before they can do anything.

Recently I've seen even more of these virus warnings on packet boards, and, believe it or not, in a ham club newsletter! If only the people who propagate this hoax (with good intentions) would take the time to check it out first, it would die quickly.

Because I didn't believe the premise under which this virus was supposed to act, we checked with America Online. Here follows the text of the message we received in reply.

Subject: Re: Tech Support WAOL/MAC/PCAO
Date: 94-12-15 15:45:29 EST
From: aolmail@aol.net (Response Mail)
To: PaulRxxx@aol.com

Dear PaulRxxx,

I am writing to you on behalf of America Online to answer your recent question/comments about the good times virus. This is the official response we have recieved [sic] about this virus hoax.

U.S. DOE's Computer Incident Advisory Capability
Number 94-04 December 6, 1994
[...]
THE "Good Times" VIRUS IS AN URBAN LEGEND

In the early part of December, CIAC started to receive information requests about a supposed "virus" which could be contracted via America OnLine, simply by reading a message. The following is the message that CIAC received: ☞

will replace the 286 mother board use at the satellite console.

education: kb3iv mentioned that tfism (the franklin institute science museum) has listed amateur radio as one of their classes for this winter. the pmrc has been asked if there is an available instructor for that class. aa3ch, russ, was mentioned as a candidate but, wu3i stated aa3ch is interested in classes for the general, advanced and even extra class licenses and would like to know if the pmrc membership is interested.

old business: wu3i asked for a report on the jackets. kb3iv is expecting a quote and what the sizes mean i.e. how large is large etc. information should be available at the next general meeting. the jackets are for all seasons.

wu3i asked for and received hosts for future directors' meetings. ka4lif volunteered to for april; and w3bbb in june.

new business: w3vvs asked if the w3rqz application for renewal should be submitted to the fcc. the license expires january 25 1995. if the application is signed now and submitted by that date the license will be extended to february 1996. w3rqz was the first pmrc call. ke3cz will attend to the matter.

ke3cz asked for a special committee for the w3tkq bbs. the committee would make decisions on the conformity of bbs traffic, to fcc regulations, before allowing that traffic to pass through the w3tkq bbs. wu3i and ke3cz will tend to the matter.

wu3i mentioned a letter he received from w3iim, jack, regarding the formation of an ad hoc-committiee for the purpose of writing procedural rules for the prudent management of the club's finances. those attending agreed with w3iim's request and in response wu3i mentioned n3pma, jim, and kb3iv as candidates.

it was moved and second to adjourn at 10:40 pm.🔔

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addition of the 2-meter radio used for packet. AA3BB–Bill donated a 386/20 MHz 'mother board', thank you Bill.

AA3BB, Membership Committee chairman, reported the following applications to join PMRC: N3SHI–Walter Rice, Sr.; N3STR–Lawrence Weinstein; N3TMC –Stanton Weinstein; and N3TRO–Michael Taraborrelli. These applications will be acted upon at the January Directors' meeting. Welcome to new member N3RUG–Richard Lunn.

Per a report submitted by the incoming Membership Committee chairman, N3OWM–Ted, attending the meeting were 23 members. PMRC wishes to thank the following guests Ms Rose Lunn; the Weinsteins: KB3BEK–Maxine; N3SHI–Walter; N3STR–Lawrence, and N3TMC–Stanton; N3TRO–Michael Taraborrelli; KB3AAJ–Ron; DF9WM–Chris; KB3AIB–Tom and W9XGX–Tom, for taking time to attend.

Congrats to K3PHC–Jim on his luck with the 50-50, and many thanks to Miss Anna Popovic for her help.

WU3I announced that KE3CZ is ill, and that the PMRC wishes him a speedy recovery.

At 9 p.m. WU3I turned the podium over to our guest speaker KE3NP–Fred for his presentation on HF mobile antenna systems.🔔

CLUB INFORMATION
24 Hour Information Number at W3TKQ
(215) 448-1139

8th Annual

Winter SWL Festival

March 16-18, 1994
Holiday Inn
Sumneytown Pike
Kulpsville, Pennsylvania

We will officially open the Eighth Annual Winter SWL Festival Forums on Friday morning and continue all day Saturday. As usual, there will be door prizes, station freebies, (please bring items to be donated for the silent auction), and a banquet on Saturday night. New this year, bring items for sale or swap for an equipment swap meet on Friday afternoon. Also new, bring your receivers and have their specs checked by two experts. Ben Hester and Joe Buch will report their findings and compare receiver specs in a forum.

The Forums will include:

- QSLing
- Intro to Scanning
- Intro to Utilities
- DX Accessories
- Pirate Broadcasts
- Interpreting Receiver Specs

And More To Be Announced...

Registration Options-

FULL	— Includes forums, hospitality room, lunch and banquet	— $35
PARTIAL	— Includes forums, hospitality room but NO meals	— $17
SPOUSE	— Includes hospitality room and meals	— $19

GRAND PRIZE To be announced

SPECIAL Register early and win a SW portable! Your registration received by midnight February 11, 1995 will allow you one FREE entry towards this early bird registration door prize.

Please bring items for the Silent Auction. Proceeds are donated to charity.

Checks should be made payable to WINTER SWL FEST. Registration for hotel rooms should be made directly to the Holiday Inn at (215) 368-3800 As soon as possible! Special rates - $59 single, $64 double. Our function code with the hotel is WINTER SWL FEST. Please refer to this to get the special room rates. Listen to the ANARC SWL NET on 7.240 LSB at 10 AM Sundays for up to the minute info.

The Holiday Inn is located at EXIT 31 of the PA Turnpike Northeast Extension-Lansdale Interchange. Improved access from the south with the Blue Route—ask for details. Limo service is available from Phila. Intl Airport directly to the Holiday Inn.

Please submit the following form with your registration amount or send for more information to:

Winter SWL Festival
PO Box 591
Colmar, PA 18915

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

Circle: FULL PARTIAL SPOUSE (Spouse Name:_____)

Banquet - Check: Roast Beef___ Chicken___ Registration Fee Enclosed: $____

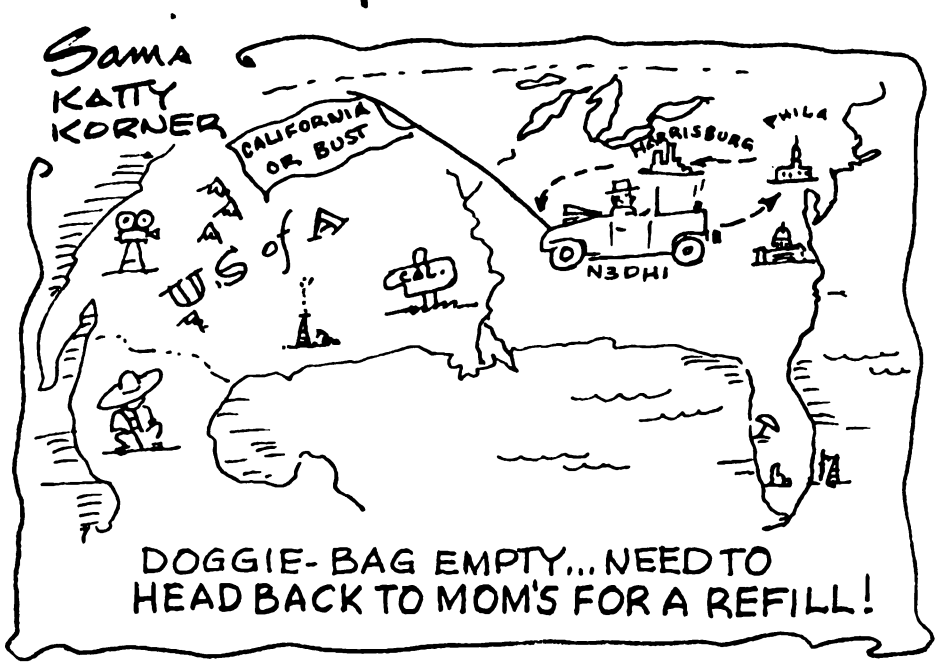
I had a nice visit on the mainland, with Jack and Jinny, after the storm passed. At the end of the week that they were here, I went up to Tampa to attend an ARES Forum, and enroute visited with Hal–W3AA and Marian–W3YJR who surprised me with a birthday cake!

I am fairly active on packet, mainly corresponding with my ham friends up north, and ARES people here in South Florida. I am on KE2IX.#FMY.FL.USA.NA. You see some interesting things on packet. For example, a Donald Gordon–WB3KOJ (does anyone know him?) had his name and birthday announced on all of the bulletin boards down here, and throughout the country! Also on packet, I saw a bulletin from a W6 station discussing an article on ARES/RACES that was written by Phil-Mont's good friend Tom Gibson–W3EAG. I have since corresponded with Tom via packet, and he was kind enough to send me a copy of the article which appeared in a professional communications magazine. Ironically, Tom was down here on Sanibel Island last September, not knowing that I live here, and he did not have any 2-meter gear with him.

Dick–N8DM and brother Rob–N2RM are down here over the holidays, visiting their mother Dee–WA2SNA. We will get together with Hal and Marian for a visit over the holidays. Also, I plan to take them over to Useppa Island in my new motor vessel, to see the IIM/IIN QTH!

Happy New Year to all Phil-Monters.

Rick's personal dilemma!



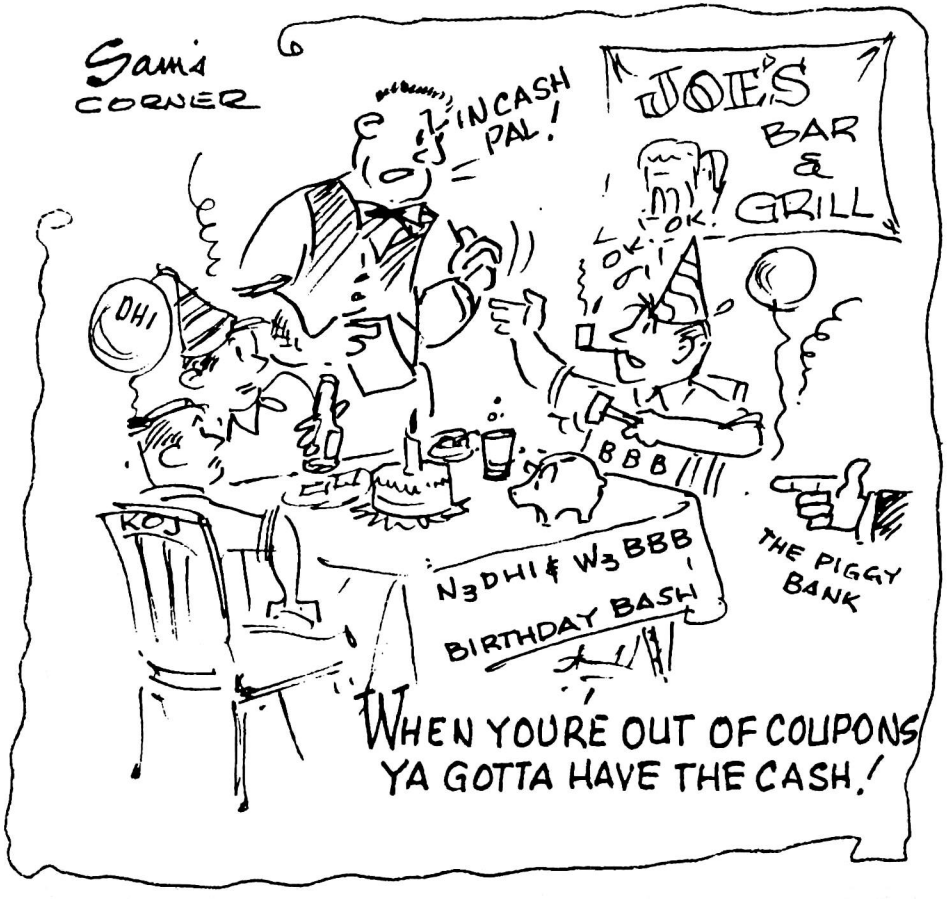
The Southern Reporter

Howard "Gil" Gilpin, W3SRU

Just what I needed. My first week as ARES EC *[mid November–ed]*, and along comes tropical storm Gordon. To make matters worse, I had to operate under the watchful eyes of W3IIM and W3IIN, who were down here!

Gordon was so contrary that we never knew what it was going to do, or where it was going. The 'eye' finally went right over Useppa and Sanibel Islands. Fortunately for us, the heavy winds and rain stayed over on the east coast. ☞

The annual Spencer birthday party dilemma



117TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS
JANUARY

21 candidates took 31 elements
4 new amateurs plus 6 upgrades

VE team members:
Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman
Charlie Weigand, AA3EP; Wally Newell, K3JJO; James McCloskey, KE3OP; Joel Kleinguenther, KA3SWU; Joe Pearlstein, NU3Y; Bob Freer, W3YLT

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Delaware County Amateur Radio Association (DCARA)
Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club (DLARC)
Delmont Radio Club
Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (Florida)
Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club (MARC)
Penn Wireless Association
R F Hill Amateur Radio Club
Reading Radio Club
Sanibel Amateur Radio Emergency Unit (Florida)
Sussex Amateur Radio Ass'n (SARA) (Delaware)
The 96 Over The Hill Gang (New Castle, Delaware)
Tompkins County Amateur Radio Club (New York)
Warminster Amateur Radio Club
Worldradio Magazine
Exchanges with additional parties are welcomed.

THE W3TKQ REPORT

The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum

I recount to you all a memo from Joseph Moore, acting President of the Institute:

"As you probably noticed, we had a *very* busy holiday week in the museum. In fact, in the final week of our fiscal year (which ended December 30) we hosted 38,829 visitors. This is the highest weekly attendance ever, and occurred in a week when we were open only five days.

"We also experienced our second highest single-attendance day ever on Friday 12/30/94, with 10,010 visitors. Below are counts for each day last week:

Monday	5,305	Thursday	9,280
Tuesday	6,633	Friday	10,010
Wednesday	7,601		

"I would like to thank everyone who helped-out in the museum last week to serve the huge crowds. We needed every hand we could get, and I appreciate your willingness to pitch-in.

"Our official attendance for 1994 is 918,306 visitors. This represents an increase of 10% over 1993."

My personal thanks to the operators on duty that week. I was informed of overwhelming attendance, and I know they worked very hard.

The Rupp meter is still out, as is the Wyman ATV transceiver.

Remember W3TKQ is *your* station; come down, operate, learn, demonstrate. The duty operator will always be happy for the help. Stop down and see why we all have so much fun down here.

—Steve Hoch, WU3I

another RBBS instead. If that one's busy, you call another, and another, until you connect. Then you feel OK, almost "high." When you finally hang up, you still can't work; you can only dial up another RBBS. Your downfall as an on-line addict is just another one of this society's terrible tragedies, such as polygamy or the compulsion to circle all the numbers on computer magazine "bingo cards." Eventually your whole social life relies upon only the messages you find on electronic bulletin boards; your only happiness is the programs you have downloaded. (You never try any of them, you only collect them.)

Hope exists, however. We, the dedicated but underpaid staff of Modems Anonymous, have done extensive research to find a cure for modem mania, which has been ruining hundreds of lives. And we have succeeded in our quest. The cure is really quite simple, yet effective:

Set up your own remote bulletin board service. Then all the other modem addicts will phone you, and their wives can nag at them about $450 phone bills. And you can find peace—at last!

via WB3KOJ

3-SECOND ON-DELAY GETCHA?

Here's a simple procedure to follow *whenever* you're preparing to access *any* repeater:

Listen first, then, if the repeater is quiet, press and hold your push-to-talk button for 3-4 seconds. *Listen*!

If you hear the chime, you know that the repeater's ready and waiting for your call.

HOW TO SOUND LIKE A LID

On two meters lately, I have noticed a tendency of people making a concerted effort to sound like a Lid (poor operator). Since this appears to be the new style in amateur radio, I thought I would present this handy guide to radio nerd-dom.

The following is what I call: "How to sound like a Lid in one easy lesson."

1. Use as many Q-signals as possible. Yes, I know they were invented solely for CW, and are totally inappropriate for two-meter FM, but they're fun and entertaining. They keep people guessing as to what you really meant. ("I'm going to QSY to the kitchen.") Can you really change frequency to the kitchen? QSL used to mean "I am acknowledging receipt," but now it appears to mean "yes" or "OK." I guess I missed it when ARRL changed the meaning.
2. Never laugh, when you can say "hi hi." No one will ever know you aren't a long-time CW ragchewer if you don't tell them. They'll think you've been on since the days of Marconi.
3. Utilize an alternative vocabulary. Use words like "but," "destinated," and "negatory." It's OK to make up your own words here. "Yeah Bill, I pheelbart zaphonix occasionally myself."
4. Always say "XX4XXX (insert your own call) for ID." Anything that creates redundancy is always strongly encouraged. That's why we have the Department of Redundancy department. (Please note that you can follow your call with "for identification purposes" instead of for "I.D." While taking longer to say, it's worth more lid-points.)
5. The better the copy on two-meter FM, the more you should phonetically spell your name, especially if it is a short and/or common one, i.e. "My name is Al—Alpha

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public domain program titles and descriptions scroll by. They're *free*!!! All you have to do is tell the bulletin board to download (transmit) them to you. You download your first program and you're landed, in the creel, cleaned and ready for the cooking fires. In just 55 minutes after you logged-onto the board, you've downloaded six programs, one of them is Andrew Fleugelman's PC-Talk, version 3 (truly an instrument for evil).

BBS-LIST.DOC, which is also among the files you downloaded, contains a list of a great number of bulletin boards throughout the country. (There's evil all around us, constantly tempting us!) You print the list and find about 60 RBBS phone numbers. (Have mercy on our souls!) The list also gives you the hours of operation, communications parameters, and informs you about each board's specialty. You decide to try PC-Talk and use it to dial-up an RBBS about three states away. Since the line is busy, you pass the time entering all those RBBS phone numbers into PC-Talk's voluminous dialing directory.

You try the number again—still busy. You think, "Hey, there's one that specializes in Pascal programs. Maybe I'll try it. It's about halfway across the country, but it's after 5 p.m. and the phone rates have changed. It won't be too expensive." The Pascal board answers. After 45 minutes you've downloaded another five programs. Then you call another board—only this one's completely across the country from California, in Florida. And so it goes on into the night... And the next night... And the next...

Some days it gets to you. You begin to feel the dirtiness of modem addiction, particularly when your wife makes you feel like a child by berating you for those astronomical phone bills—if she hasn't divorced you by then. Every time you sit down before your IBM PC to do some work, you dial up

THE TRAGEDY OF AN ON-LINE ADDICTION

by Steve King

"Did you know that last month's (expletive) phone bill is over $450?" my wife scolded me in her harshest, my-husband-the-child voice. "That's more than twice the monthly payment you make from that (expletive) computer!" she continued as she escalated to screaming.

"I confess! I confess!" I sobbed. "I'm just an on-line junkie—I'm addicted to my modem! I guess I'll just have to join Modems Anonymous before I owe my soul to the phone company."

As a counselor for Modems Anonymous, I hear numerous variations of the preceding story every day. That insidious disease, modem fever, is exacting a tragically large toll from the cream of our society's computer users. Modem-mania is sweeping through the very foundations of our country and there seems to be no stopping it. This disease (yes, it is a social disease of almost epidemic proportions) is becoming a such calamity that soon there's even going to be a soap opera about on-line addiction named, "All My Modems."

If you don't already own one of those evil instruments called a modem, take warning! Don't even think about buying one. Modem fever sets in very quietly; it sneaks up on you and then grabs you by the wallet, checkbook or, heaven forbid, credit cards. Once you own a modem, you enter the insidious addictive trap by "dialing up" a friend who also has a modem. For some strange reason, typing messages to each other fascinates you. (Even if it is less than 10% of the speed that you can speak the same words over a normal voice phone link.) Of course, you make several attempts at hooking up before you finally figure out that at least one of you must be in the half-duplex mode; that discovery actually titillates you (sounds impossible, but it's true).

Then your modem-buddy (friend is too good a term) sows another seed on the road to on-line addiction by giving you the number of a local RBBS (Remote Bulletin Board Service). Once you get an RBBS phone number, you've taken the first fatal step in a journey that can only end in on-line addiction.

After you take the next step, by dialing up the RBBS your modem-buddy told you about, you find that it's very easy to "log-on." This weird form of conversation with an unattended computer is strangely exciting, much more so than just typing messages when you're on-line with your modem-buddy. The initial bulletins scroll by and inform you about the board, but you're too "up" to comprehend most of it. Then you read some of the messages in the message section and maybe, in a tentative manner, you enter one or two of your own. That's fun, but the excitement starts to wear off; you're calming down. Thinking that it might be worthwhile to go back and reread the log-on bulletins, you return to the main RBBS menu.

Then it happens. The RBBS provides the bait that entices you all the way into the fiery hell of modem addiction. As you look at the RBBS main menu to learn how to return to the log-on bulletins, you find an item called *files*. By asking your host computer for *files*, you thread the bait onto the hook of corruption; the *files submenu* sets the hook. You start running with the line when you *list* the files; you leap into the air with the sheer joy of the fight when all those

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			1 **GENERAL MEETING** **at** **The Franklin Institute** Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts after 7:30	**2** **LICENSE EXAMS** **at** **The Franklin Institute** Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m. ***sharp!***	**3**	**4**
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19 2M NCS N3KGG 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS W3STW	**20** *Presidents' Day*	**21** CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	**22** *George Washington 1732*	**23**	**24**	**25**
26 2M NCS W3STW 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS KB3IV	**27**	**28** CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM N3ALW *Mardi Gras*			Living below your means, and investing every dollar you can, is the key to becoming wealthy.	